

H. Major Research and Public Service Activities

Gateway to College:

Camden County College has been awarded a grant funded through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This grant will replicate the national Gateway to College model which targets high school dropouts between the ages of 16-20 to complete their high school diploma and transition to college level classes. The College is partnering with the Camden City School District to provide services to high school dropout students from Camden City. The program is slated to begin for the fall 2011 semester at the Camden City Campus.

Consolidated Adult Basic Skills and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education

Camden County College is the lead agency for the Camden County Adult Basic Skills Consortium, which provided comprehensive literacy services to 1,630 Camden County residents from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The Camden County Consortium, which is an integrated, unified collaboration, builds upon the strengths and expertise of each of the partners to include workplace, family, and English literacy, along with civics education that is integrated into the skill areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Coupled with the education components are support services to assist the adult learners with the daily demands of their lives.

The Camden County Adult Basic Skills Consortium consists of the following partners and provides literacy services in the day and evening hours at strategically placed locations around Camden County:

- Camden County College – Lead Agency
- Camden City Public Schools
- Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey
- Housing Authority of the City of Camden
- Literacy Volunteers of Camden County
- Pennsauken Public Schools
- Respond, Inc.

Camden County College's Adult Basic Skills/ GED Program

Camden County College offered three literacy learning opportunities including morning, afternoon, and evening sessions for GED Test preparation classes. The morning and afternoon session were held at the Camden Campus with the evening session operating at the Blackwood Campus.

A total of 747 students were enrolled in the ABS/ GED Program. After receiving approximately 60 hours of instruction, 452 GED or 60.5% of the enrolled students were re-tested. Of the 452 retested students, 268 or 59.2 % of the students raised their scores one educational functioning level in either reading or math. The greatest accomplishment of the ABS/ GED program was that a total of 118 students took the GED Test, passed it, and received their New Jersey High School Diplomas.

The GED program offers support services of eye screenings through the South Jersey Eye Center, clerical skills training in addition to GED instruction through the Community Work Experience Program, GED Test vouchers for \$25 through the Program's fundraising pretzel sales, bus tickets based upon skills improvement through a private donation, and an

intergenerational family reading project sponsored by the Subaru Foundation. In only four years the ABS program has enrolled a total of 2,134 learners, had a total of 272 students obtain their high school diplomas, and approximately 55 of them have entered Camden County College at either the Blackwood or Camden Campuses. Clearly, the ABS program has progressed at a rate that enables the program to meet its enrollment and performance goals while making a significant difference in people's lives.

Camden Higher Education & Health Care Task Force:

In 2010, the Camden Higher Education & Health Care Task Force ("Eds & Meds"), chaired by a representative from Camden County College completed a housing survey to assess the willingness of anchor-institution employees to move into the City of Camden or to "live where you work."

Following the survey, the Task Force, working in conjunction with the Greater Camden Partnership/Cooper's Ferry Development Association developed an Employer Assisted Housing Initiative (EAH). The EAH program is designed to encourage employees of the anchor-institutions to purchase and live in homes in the City of Camden, specifically in the neighborhoods adjacent to their respective employers by providing an employer financial incentive to do so.

Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility:

The goal of the center is to shape responsible residents and prepare students to be effective leaders and citizens who understand and accept individual responsibility for civil engagement. The Center is structured around three Institutes: The Institute for Community Education, the Institute for Labor Studies and the Institute for Public Administration. Each institute focuses on a specific area of public policy and practice and offers credit and non-credit courses, seminars, workshops, lectures, and other educational experiences for students and the community.

2010 – 2011 Lecture Series and Special Events:

Cleopatra's World
 Science & Religion
 There's More To New Jersey Than The Sopranos
 Healthy New Jersey
 Surviving School: Bullying and What Schools Can Do Autism
 Sex and Society in America
 Benjamin Franklin: In Search of A Better World
 Transition from High School to Work and College for Students with Autism
 Spectrum Disorders
 Temple Grandin: Film Screening
 Egypt After Mubarak
 "De Luxe" The Tale of The Blue Comet
 Intro to Autism
 How to Use Positive Behavioral Supports in the Classroom for A Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders CNNH
 Educating First Responders About Autism
 Boardwalk Empire

2010 – 2011 Exhibits

Train Display Blue Comet

Benjamin Franklin Display in Library

A full schedule of Professional Development Mini-Courses for Teachers and Community Members (Fall 2010; Spring 2011; Summer 2011)

Camden County Transformation Initiative:

The College completed a second year of a shared services agreement with the County of Camden for the administration of the Camden County Transformation Initiative. Second year results have identified additional areas where consolidated management and/or operations were feasible including: (1) the consolidation of 15 business support services, (2) the consolidation of post-secondary education, and (3) the consolidation of the Pollution Control Financing Authority (“PCFA”) into the Camden County Improvement Authority (“CCIA”). Through the end of the second year the Transformation Initiative has produced actual savings in excess of \$1.2 million and identified reform proposals for an additional \$1 million in 2011.

The project continues to receive editorial support and widespread media coverage with presentations to the New Jersey Council of County Colleges and the Courier Post Editorial Board & Community Advisory Committee. An eight minute video to further public understanding of the Initiative is also accessible online at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WGwgdkFJiQ>.

Consolidation of Camden County Technical Institute, Fire Academy, and Camden County Police Academy:

As part of the Camden County Transformation initiative, all adult training and education has been consolidated from the Camden County Technical School (CCTS) and Fire Academy to the College. The College will offer programs in HVAC, welding, dialysis technician, plumbing, carpentry, electrical training, cosmetology, medical assisting and culinary arts at CCTS while eliminating duplication of programs. The consolidation includes the assumption of operational responsibility for the Regional Emergency Training Center (RETC), offering training to firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The Camden County Police Academy has also officially become part of the College. These three outreach programs will all be part of Continuing Education. The main offices for CE are now housed in the RETC building, Blackwood.

Camden Conference Center:

The Camden County College Camden Conference Center located at the college’s Camden Campus hosts a variety of community events sponsored by both the college and Camden County. During FY 2011, the Camden Conference Center hosted a total of 77 events. These events included the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Americans With Disabilities Act, a film and discussion on Autism sponsored by the college, the college’s Earth Day event, and public forums regarding projects in Camden with the Camden County Improvement Authority. All of these events were open to the local community.

The Conference Center was also host to the Housing Authority of Camden City’s YouthBuild Graduation ceremony and the Professional Latinas Alliance Network’s 2nd annual R.E.A.C.H.

Conference. Mind-TV also used the theater for a video presentation followed by a discussion that was open to the public. Camden County College also hosted a book signing of “Higher-Learning: Maximizing Your College Experience” with author Brian Peterson. The Camden Conference Center Theater seats 174 people and is supported by an adjacent full service Banquet Room.

Community Service:

On November 10, 2010 Camden County College along with the Camden County One Stop, Labor and Workforce Development, and the NJ Economic Development hosted the first annual Empowerment Conference. Over 100 businesses joined us to find out how their company can survive in this challenging economy. Business owners and human resource professionals were able to meet experts from the state and find out information such as green jobs, on the job training, customized training grants, work opportunity tax credit, unemployment insurance and workers compensation issues. Employers also had the chance to take a virtual tour NJ’s Labor and Workforce Development website. The event was very successful and we plan to host another event in fall of 2011.

Camden County College’s Continuing Education department successfully trained 230 unemployed Camden County One Stop customers. Students chose training in the following fields: Technology Support Specialist, Microsoft Office Administrator, Cisco, Microsoft Certified IT Professional, Medical Office Administrator, Pharmacy Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Multi-Skilled Technician, QuickBooks, Real Estate, AutoCAD, Construction Management, Web Design/Graphic Design, and Commercial Truck Driving.

Camden County College’s Continuing Education department offered free information sessions Monday’s and Wednesday’s at 2pm. The sessions provide job training and unemployment information to prospective students. Since January 2011, the Department hosted information sessions for 301 students from Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, Atlantic, Cumberland and other surrounding counties.

Starting January 2011 Continuing Education began offering ESL classes at the Rohrer Center. As of summer 2011, twenty-nine ESL students successfully completed Everyday English I. Presently, ten more students are scheduled to finish in September 2011. Students enrolled in classes represent countries such as Turkey, Taiwan, Dominican Republic, France, Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Brazil, India, China, Vietnam, Chile, Korea. Courses offered are English for Beginners, Every day English I and II, Accent Reduction, and English for Beginners. The courses cover topics such as: grammar, conversation, reading and writing skills, techniques for phrasing, intonation, and for pronouncing vowels and consonants. Free ESL advisement sessions are offered Tuesday evenings at 5:30pm at the Cherry Hill campus or by appointment at our Camden campus.

Cultural Activities:

The College provides a variety of cultural and leisure activities including lectures, exhibits, musical programs, art shows, theater productions, and classes. These programs are provided to enhance the quality of life for all county residents. Through grant funding from a number of sources (N.J. Council for the Humanities) the College has been able to develop programs on a range of topics of interest to the residents of the surrounding community.

Some of the College sponsored events included:

Art Exhibits

Portrait Photography by CCC students
Consumed works by Klotzbach & Grimes
2010 Visual Arts Faculty Show
The Possible and the Necessary works by Yikui Gu
Works by Frank Hyder
The 44th. Annual Student Art Show

Theater

Murder on the Menu
The Pillowman
Little Women
The Odyssey
As You Like It

Music Concerts

Tri-County Symphonic Band – Fall Concert
Tri-County Symphonic Band – Spring Concert
Tri-County Symphonic Band – Summer Concert

Dance

“The Way We Move”
“Can’t Stand Still”

Speech Program: The Readers’ Theatre Project

“An American Christmas”
“In His Own Words” – Dreams of Dr. King
“On the Homefront” readings of WWII
“Delightfully Dickenson”
“A Potourri of Dorothy Parker”
“The Pathos of Sylvia Plath”
“Benjamin Franklin”

Events

Poetry Reading with Rachel Hadas
“Literature Live” readings by faculty and staff

Give Kids a Smile Day

Camden County College dental hygiene and dental assisting students and staff provided dozens of area youngsters with dental cleanings and other preventative dental care along with dental education services as part of “Give Kids a Smile!” Day – also known as National Children’s Dental Access Day.

Earth Day

Earth Day events in Camden highlighted "Greening Camden 2011: Restoring Green Space in the City." The Blackwood event included a lecture on “A Field Guide to Urban Wildlife” by author and Camden County College alumna, Julie Feinstein. “The Conservation of Swamp Pink at Camden County College,” a video filmed on the Blackwood Campus was presented.

Mainstage's Summer Stage

Through its partnership with Camden County College, Mainstage Center for the Arts, a 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts organization, hosts year round classes in theatre, music, acting, dance, and instrumental instruction for young people. In addition, at Camden County College this year, Mainstage's Summer Stage celebrated its 23rd year with over 550 young people participating and audiences over 10,000. Running from June 21st to August 7, Summer Stage produced and presented 30 separate performances. Among the highlights of the season was "Camp Rock", "Aladdin, Jr.", "Annie, Jr." and "Hairspray". Another Mainstage crowd pleaser was a large musical review presented by our 2nd through 5th graders in our Kids Stuff and Apprentice programs. The Film Premiere debuted 22 original films by members of their Video/Film Production Class. Additionally, Mainstage directs and develops two show choirs, Harmony and Encore, who performed 25 concerts throughout the Delaware Valley this year. Lastly, Mainstage's seven play winter season was highlighted by such productions as "The Diary of Anne Frank", "Godspell", and the new show "13, The Musical".